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1. My studies conclude that the rat population of Korea is the only animal which may be the carrier of hemorrhagic fever. I cannot see that research on birds will isolate the carrier. I procured some rats in Korea and hope to breed them at Johns Hopkins.
2. My solution to the problem of US troops contracting hemorrhagic fever was to broaden the area of the compound between the tents and adjacent vegetation.
3. It appears that hemorrhagic fever could occur anywhere in Korea or Manchuria where a military base is established on an area formerly cultivated. Such an area, where the crops grow without cultivation, is a breeding ground for the rat population and thus for hemorrhagic fever (if my conclusion is correct that the rats are the carriers of the fever).
4. It would be impossible to introduce rats into a community with a view toward spreading the disease. According to our experiments at Johns Hopkins, once rats are introduced into a "rat community" there is a decrease in population due to an unequal ratio of male and female.
5. A copy of my report will soon be available from Dr. Joseph Smedell, Director of Hemorrhagic Fever Commission, Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C.

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